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Increased Enrollments Plus More Faculty Bring Changes
Classes are Split in First Year; Four Courses are Effected

There are numerous changes forthcoming at Villanova Law School.

Due to the recent increase in enrollment (180 in the first year), the class of 68 will be split into two sections for four of its five courses first semester and five of six in the spring. The courses to be split are Contracts, Property, Torts and Criminal Law first term, plus Agency and Partnership in the second.

The new educators include Professor O'Brien of Syracuse University School of Law who will teach Torts, Sales and Creditor's Rights.

Sharing the Torts department with Professor O'Brien will be Professor Frankino of Catholic University Law School who will also direct the Conflicts in Law course.

Mr. Carra, a part-time professor last year, will fill a full professorship and add Property to Land Use Planning to fill out his schedule. Another new addition to our faculty, Mr. Valenti, who changed from practitioner to professor, will split Contracts with Professor E. Collins and will take over Mr. D. M. Collins' place in the Corporations course. Professor Collins will, however, continue to teach Federal Income Tax.

A course in Church and State relations will be given by Professor Ball, a former member of the Villanova faculty, who was once associated with Donald A. Gion- nelli, the Criminal Law Professor.

Mr. John J. Cleary once the Vice Dean, but now full time Professor, will be offering three elective courses this fall including: Family Law, Restitution and Unfeasible Competition. Taking over Professor Cleary's executive post will be Col. George B. Bruch formerly of the United States Air Force and Editor-in-Chief of the Georgetown Law Journal.

Rounding out the schedule, note that Criminal Law is to be given this fall in place of International Law which has been moved to the spring term. This last semester look for Dean Beauschlein to aid Professor Cleary in the Agency course. Presently tentatively Dean Beauschlein wrote the book.

Club System Changes And Football Posted
At the conclusion of the last semester the Inter-Club Council went with Dean Beauschlein and members of the faculty to discuss and revitalize the Inter-Club system. At these meetings came several ideas which were engrafted into the existing system and unmanageable changes were deleted. According to President Joseph Kelly the result will be a more viable and vibrant club system.

One area affected by these changes is the Intramural Court system. This year the few football hybrid teams comprised of members of different clubs have been allowed to compete, but under the revamped system, competition will be limited to members of the same club. Intra-club competition will then be conducted until a club champion is crowned. The respective club champions will then vie for the right to appear in the finals. The club representatives can be assisted in their brief and argument by the members of their club.

Club membership will also have a slightly different slant. Although the freshman club assignments will still be arbitrary the first semester, the first year students will be given an opportunity to join another club at the commencement of the second semester. This is being done to instill more club togetherness. In accordance with the heightened club spirit and allegiance, the Inter-Club Council hopes to award more tokens and plaques in recognition of academic and athletic team spirit.

Another change concerns the faculty advice to each club. Instead of assigning a faculty member to each club, the clubs will choose their own advisors. The change is in accordance with the new program which sets apart the tutorial function from the club system.

The Inter-club football program remains unchanged. Everyone is
It is with very real pleasure that I welcome our largest—
and we hope our very best—first year class to Villanova. This
"advance special issue" of The Docket is designed to assist in
making you home and to help in getting you off to an aus-
spicious start in your new career.

Insofar as your paper credentials go, i.e., your college
grades and your LSAT scores, each of you has what it takes to
succeed. But there is something else which you must supply
we have, alas, no test which enables us to judge you. That
"something else" is Dedication. To succeed in the study of
law you must, from the very beginning, be a really dedicated
individual.

One idea, above all others, I want to drive home to the
beginning student. At the be-


ing of your very first class
in Garey Hall, you should
dedicate yourself whole-heart-
edly to the idea that you enter
the legal profession—not three
ty years hence—but at that very
moment you enter. You must
now be a professional man, and
that means you must be a student in the finest sense of the word.

No longer are you the pre- 


generation—you must now
be an apprentice lawyer.

The years of study in law school should prove the most
stimulating period of your lawyer's life. This is the period in
which we propose to bring you to intellectual maturity. Dur-


ing this period you master the basic learning which nourishes your chosen profession. This is the period in which you dedi-
cate yourself to the historic ideals of the profession.

"The Law is a jealous mistress." Truer words were never
uttered. This means that from the time you begin law as a
first year student until you retire from practice, the law will
demand of you more time than there is. It should be just the
enough, study enough, think enough. It should be just the
average law student who spends fifty-two hours each week on
law. Many of you, hopefully, will work even harder. Obvi-
ously, no one is going to control you to work so hard. But if
your own professional aspirations do not induce you to honor
your obligations as a student, you are most assuredly in the
wrong place and your life as a student will be a brief one.

Please do not misunderstand. It would be quite wrong for
you to conclude that the School of Law is indifferent to the
problems and difficulties of law students. You will find this School to be an exacting school—but it is
within a most friendly place. It must remain so despite
your conduct and in the aspirations you will strive for.

A rigorous period of study has been undertaken by each
of you today. Upon its completion an even greater respon-
sibility will be forthcoming in a future which we propose to bring you to intellectual maturity. Dur-
ing this period you master the basic learning which nourishes your chosen profession. This is the period in which you dedi-
 cate yourself to the historic ideals of the profession.

AS I SEE IT . . . (Cont.)

So-called extra curricular activities do not exist in the
law school. We have a number of co-curricular activities, all
of which are designed to make better lawyers and citizen-
leaders out of you. The Villanova Law Review is devoted to
the publication of legal materials of scholarly and professional
interest. Membership upon the editorial staff is based upon
the publication of legal materials of scholarly and professional
interest. All students are urged to support this endeavor "of the highest
importance." The Club System . . . (Cont.)

Boards, social activities and social activities, must have your support if
you are to realize the full worth of the activities. In the immediate future. Meanwhile, if any of our alumni have not yet
given to 1966 Annual Giving, your is a gentle reminder. We need those
of you who have not yet contributed, if we are to equal last year's im-
pressive record—82% of all alumni!

to all of you—new students, re-


established alumni, alums!—I would say: We are at the thresh-
hold of our most promising year.

Coupled With An Interest

A decade of fundamental and dynamic change in the
concept of the law, in the minds of lawyers and laymen alike,
has just concluded. Future years promise more revision in attitudes and principles.

You, who today have entered upon your three years of
study at Villanova University, School of Law, have the oppor-
tunity to actually engage in this evolution. And, to a great extent, it will be you who will occupy the helm. The study of
law is a demanding endeavor—one in which the freedoms and pleasures of an easy life should not be sought.

Any profession is a lifelong task: one of continual learning and study. Law is, as Dean Reuschlein has today
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of society.

However, your chosen field must not be merely an aca-
demic career. Rather, it must be a way of life—an attitude

towards man living within his environment or, more aply,
put, an attitude towards society.

For one basis for a healthy society is a sense of morality.

Lately the word “morality” has been mentioned in political
speeches and various public protests; yet the fundamental
truth remains: a solid appreciation of ethics must prevail in
our sociological structure. Many times throughout your
course of study you will observe that logic and keen insight
appear to be the needs of a good lawyer and to some extent
this is so; however, one must seek the just solution as well.

The “right answer” can not always be found by logic alone!

Your profession will require a high standard of ethics in
both public and private life. The preamble to the Canons of
Ethics states: "The future of the Republic, to a great extent,
depends upon our maintenance of Justice pure and unassiled.

It cannot be so maintained unless the conduct and the
motives of the members of our profession are such as to merit
the approval of all just men.

A period of study has been undertaken by each
of you today. Upon its conclusion an even greater respon-
sibility will then be assumed, for it will then be you who will con-
struct and interpret society's laws.

And the student who is not willing to

mind, to ideas and principles.

At this time, all those who go before you extend their
sincere wish for your success.

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